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Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawings have been amended to correct errors. More specifically, in Fig. 10, a previously omitted number 19 has been added. Further, Figs. 2 to 5, 9, 20, 21, and 22 have been amended to change the figure numerals. For example, in Fig. 2, a legend "Fig. 2" has been deleted, and previously omitted legends "Fig 2(a)" and "Fig 2(b)" have been added. The replacement sheets have been filed herewith.

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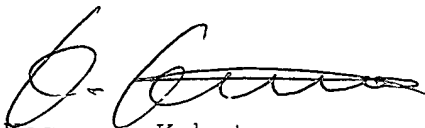
REMARKS

Preliminary to the examination, the applicants have filed the preliminary amendment.

More specifically, in the specification, clerical errors have been corrected. In the drawings, in Fig. 10, a previously omitted number 19 has been added. Further, Figs. 2 to 5, 9, 20, 21, and 22 have been amended to change the figure numerals. For example, in Fig. 2, a legend "Fig. 2" has been deleted, and previously omitted legends "Fig 2(a)" and "Fig 2(b)" have been added. In claims, claims 1-6, 8 and 10 have been amended to describe the invention more clearly and/or avoid multiple dependency. Further, new claims 11-17 have been filed to obtain proper scope of the invention.

Please examine the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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